

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are requested. Claims 1-2 and 4-30 remain pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 3 has been canceled.

Applicants note the Examiner's objections to the drawings in the first paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action. By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to change the reference to "93a" or "93b" in paragraph [0072] to --93--, such that withdrawal of the objection is requested.

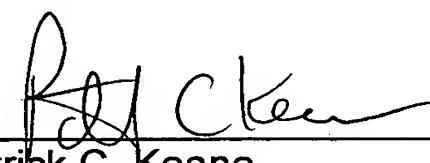
In the second paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action, claim 3 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 2. This objection is specifically traversed, since claim 3 adds additional features to the recitations of claim 2. However, because claim 2 broadly encompasses claim 3, claim 3 has been canceled to address the Examiner's concerns. Because all of the remaining claims have been acknowledged by the Examiner as allowed, the present application is now in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant's undersigned representative can be reached at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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